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DATE:

July 10, 2008

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO.

SH2188086

FROM:

ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER

LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO:

ARLENE J. BERNER, CAPTAIN

COPS BUREAU

SUBJECT:

EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

HIT SHOOTING

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the use of force incident which occurred on January 20, 2007.

The Committee met on July 10, 2008 and consisted of me and Commanders Stephen B. Johnson (Custody Operations Division) and Thomas E. Spencer (Detective Division). The Committee determined the use of force by Deputy Steven Longan # Deputy Mark Sunagawa # was within Department policy.

Please advise the deputies of this finding.

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SUBJECT:

EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:

DEPUTY STEVEN LONGAN #

DEPUTY MARK SUNAGAWA #

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

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The pedestrians both suspects shot at were located and found to be uninjured.

On July 10, 2008 the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MMP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

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Eric B. Smith, Commander

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Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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Suspect Information Last Name Orozco First Name Ernesto M.I. \$ 1 AKA Last Name First Name "Little Negro" State & Zip Code Race: Hispanic Street Address: City Home Phone: Social Security I Driver's License #: Work Phone: FBI# 504 120 03-20-88 Booking # Primary Charge: Secondary Charge: 9404844 245(d)(2) P.C. 245(a)(2) P.C. Substance Used: Coroner Case # Intoxication/Drug Usage? Coroner Case? Mental Illness? Criminal History? Armed? Apprehended? Model: Vehicle Make First Name Last Name 8 2 First Name AKA Last Name M Race: Street Address: City te & Zip Code Hispanic Home Phone: Social Security Work Phone; Driver's License # Age: 17 FBI# CII# Height: Weight: Booking # Secondary Charge: 245(d)(2) P.C. 245(a)(2) P.C Coroner Case # Substance Used: Intoxication/Drug Usage? Coroner Case? Mental Illness? Criminal History? Armed? Apprehended? Vehicle Make First Name M.I. Last Name AKA Last Name First Name State & Zip Code: Street Address: City Race: Sax Social Security #: Home Phone: Driver's License #: Work Phone: CH# D.O.B. Weight: FBI# Age: Booking # Primary Charge: Secondary Charge: Substance Used: Coroner Case # Intoxication/Drug Usage? Coroner Case? Mental Iliness? Criminal History? Armed? Apprehended? Vehicle Make Model: First Name M.I. Last Name AKA Last Name First Name M.I. State & Zip Code: Street Address: Race: City Home Phone: Social Security #: Driver's License #: Work Phone: Weight: D.O.B. Height: Booking # Primary Charge: Secondary Charge: Coroner Case # Substance Used: Intoxication/Drug Usage? Coroner Case? Armed? Apprehended? Mental Illness? Criminal History? Vehicle Make Model:

Investigative Summary

Incident:

Assault With a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer, Deputy Involved Hit

Shooting.

LASD Report:

007-01517-2174-051

IAB File:

SH 2188086

Opening Statement

On Saturday, January 20, 2007, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators responded to an incident command post, erected by Century Station personnel at 7901 Compton Blvd. (old Firestone Station). Sergeant Trent Denison, Sergeant John Harris and Lieutenant Mike Parker were briefed regarding the circumstances of a Deputy Involved Shooting involving two Compton C.I.T. (Crime Impact Team) deputies. Sergeant Denison was assigned the responsibility for the administrative review of the incident.

Synopsis

On January 20, 2007, at approximately 1935 hours, Compton Station Deputies Steven Longan and Mark Sunagawa, (unit 210N1) were assigned as a no-call car in the Compton area. Their specific duty was to patrol high crime areas related to the rise in Black vs. Hispanic gang violence. As they drove south on Miramonte Blvd. at the intersection with 81st Street, they saw a male Hispanic suspect standing on the northwest corner sidewalk. The suspect was shooting a pistol at several male black pedestrians who were standing towards the west end of the block on 81st Street. Deputy Sunagawa stopped their black and white patrol car, and both deputies exited. turned around, looked in their direction and The suspect (later identified as immediately ran south on Miramonte Blvd. As Deputy Longan got out of the patrol car and ran into the center of the intersection in direction, he heard more gunfire just north of him. He looked to the sidewalk were Suspect had run from and noticed a second male Hispanic shooting a pistol westward on 81st Street, towards the group of black males. It appeared this suspect (later identified as Ernesto Orozco) did not see the deputies who arrived behind him. Deputy Longan yelled to his partner that there was a second shooter and realized he (Longan) was in the middle of the street with no cover. He ran to the side of a parked car that was on the street facing west in front of Suspect Orozco was standing directly opposite of him on the north side of the parked car and near a Palm tree. Suspect Orozco looked at Deputy Longan and raised his pistol and pointed it at Deputy Longan who was approximately five yards away. Deputy Longan, fearing Suspect Orozco was going to shoot him and/or his partner, shot at Suspect Orozco five times, striking him once in the buttocks, and once in the right thigh. At the time Deputy Longan was engaged in a gun fight with Suspect Orozco. Deputy Sunagawa was running south on Miramonte Blvd. towards Suspect Deputy stopped running and turned to face him from approximately Sunagawa noticed Suspect twenty feet away. Suspect then raised his right arm across his chest as if he was

"blading" (taking a shooting position). Deputy Sunagawa feared Suspect was still armed and was bringing his weapon up to shoot him. Deputy Sunagawa, in an effort to protect his own life and that of his partner, fired seven shots at Suspect all of which missed. Suspect obeyed commands to lay prone on the ground until he was taken into custody by assisting deputies.

It was later determined that Suspect prior to running, had discarded the Taurus 9mm semi automatic pistol he had used to shoot at the male blacks towards the end of the block. This weapon was recovered at the scene. Suspect Orozco was treated at the scene for gunshot wounds and taken to a hospital. His weapon, a Glock 40 caliber, was also recovered from next to were he was taken into custody.

The male blacks that both suspects were shooting at, were located and found to be un-injured.

Homicide investigators responded to the scene and took charge of the investigation. For more information, see Homicide Investigation Book, attached as **Volume 2 of 2**.

Involved Personnel

Deputy Steven Longan, # FOR II, Compton Station

Work History

Date of Employment:

Date Assigned to Patrol:

Date Completed Patrol Training:

Date Assigned to Compton Station:

Prior Shooting Incident(s):

Prior Founded Force Incidents:

08-10-94



(1) - 2004, Foot Pursuit

Deputy Mark Sunagawa, #

FOR II, Compton Station

Work History

Date of Employment:

Date Assigned to Patrol:

Date Completed Patrol Training:

Date Assigned to Compton Station O.S.S.:

Prior Shooting Incident(s):

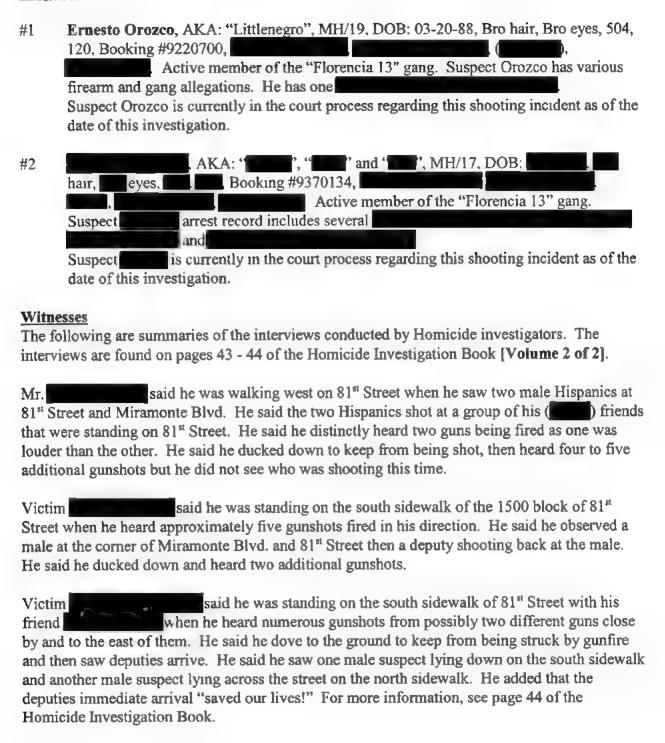
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

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(1) - 2001, Armed Person

Suspects



Injuries

Suspect Orozco received one gunshot wound to his buttocks, and two gunshot wounds to his right thigh as a result of this incident. He survived his injuries and was arrested. Suspect was not injured during this incident. None of the males the suspects were shooting at were injured.

Physical Evidence

The following evidence was located and retrieved by Scientific Services Bureau technicians and documented by them via supplemental reports and diagrams. Each piece of evidence was located in or near the intersection of Miramonte Blvd. and 81st Street. For the exact location of each piece of evidence listed below, refer to the crime scene evidence sketch in the Homicide Investigation Book, page 48. For more information and description of each piece of evidence, see Homicide Investigation Book, [Volume 2 of 2], pages 45 - 72.

(1) Flashlight (belonging to Deputy Sunagawa) with the broken off end peice, (24) spent cartridge cases, (1) live 9mm cartridge, (1) Beretta 92F magazine with seven live rounds, (4) bullet fragments, (1) spent bullet, (1) Motorola cell phone, (1) set of keys, (1) Lip Balm, (1) wallet (belonging to Suspect Orozco), (1) black knit cap, miscellaneous clothing (belonging to Suspect Orozco), (1) Glock pistol, and (1) Taurus pistol.

The majority of the spent cartridge cases were located on the sidewalk area at the northwest corner of the intersection.

(4) bullet strikes to a trash can, a cement pillar and a cardboard box located near the sidewalk in front of 1531 81st Street.

Investigators Observations

Investigators were given a limited view of the location by Homicide investigators because of the on going criminal investigation for a Hit Shooting. It was determined that the incident began on the sidewalk at the northwest corner of the intersections of Miramonte Blvd. and 81st Street. Both streets are residential streets consisting of single family homes on both sides. Miramonte Blvd. runs north and south and 81st Street is an east to west street. Miramonte Blvd. is a two way street with room for parking along both sides of the street. There is a sidewalk bordering each side and a three foot wide grassy area separating the sidewalk and the street. 81st Street is also a two way street with a sidewalk bordering each side and a three foot grassy area separating the sidewalk and the street. There is room for parking on both sides of the street.

Investigators observed numerous parked cars on both sides of 81st Street and several large Palm trees on the north side of 81st Street near the area Suspect Orozco was located. Investigators also observed a marked black and white Sheriff's Department patrol car, with it's motor running and headlights on, parked on the wheelchair ramp of the sidewalk located at the southeast corner of Miramonte Blvd, and 81st Street.

Because of the limited access, all the above mentioned bullet strikes and evidence were not noticed by IAB investigators.

Weapon used by Deputy Longan

Deputy Longan fired five rounds from his Department issued Beretta 92FS 9mm semiautomatic pistol, Serial #BER

Weapon used by Deputy Sunagawa

Deputy Sunagawa fired seven rounds from his Department issued Beretta 92FS 9mm semiautomatic pistol, Serial #BER Z.

Weapon used by Suspect Orozco

A black color Glock, model 27, caliber 40 S&W, Serial # The weapon was recovered, loaded but in a jammed condition. The slide was observed to be "out of Battery" with a live cartridge in the chamber and a live cartridge jammed in a "bouble feed" type malfunction. The magazine was seated and enclosed a total of four live 40 S&W caliber cartridges including the partially fed cartridge. This weapon was recovered from the grassy area between the sidewalk and street in front of This weapon was found with powder residue (indicating it had been fired). It was test fired by a Firearms Examiner and found to be fully operational.

Weapon used by Suspect

A blue steel Taurus, model 92 AF, 9mm semiautomatic pistol, Serial # This weapon was recovered with a magazine in battery and the safety in the "off" position. The weapon and magazine were empty. This weapon was located on the sidewalk on the northwest corner of Miramonte Blvd. and 81st Street. This weapon was found with powder residue (indicating it had been fired). It was test fired by a Firearms Examiner and found to be fully operational.

Property Damage

- 1) Two bullet holes in the side of a plastic garbage can located by the sidewalk in front of
- 2) One bullet hole in a cardboard box located by the sidewalk in front of

3) One bullet impact to the cement pillar on the wall in front of the residence at

IAB note:

All of the above mentioned bullet strikes were located in the area near where the civilian victims were standing at the time the suspects shot at them.

Criminal Investigators

Homicide Detective Brian Schoonmaker and Detective Kevin Lowe.

Lighting and Weather Conditions

The shooting occurred during the hours of darkness. Artificial lighting was provided by City street lights, with additional lighting provided by floodlights on the exterior of several houses near each corner of the intersection. Further artificial lighting was provided by the headlights of the radio car utilized by Deputies Longan and Sunagawa. The weather was cool and the sky was clear.

IAB Interview of Deputy Longan

The narrative which follows is intended only as a synopsis of the IAB interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Longan's recorded interview and attached interview transcription.

Deputy Stephen Longan said he was assigned to the Compton Station Crime Impact Team at the time of this shooting. He had been assigned to the team for the past three years.

Deputy Longan said he joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department approximately 13 years ago, graduating from class #284. He worked at and he was patrol

He was working the COPS Bureau - "Crime Impact Team" (C.I.T.) at the time of this shooting and he has since He added that he had been assigned as a regular partner with Deputy Sunagawa for approximately two years. Prior to working on the C.I.T. at he had worked as partners with Deputy Sunagawa off and on for the past seven years. They had often talked about tactics and what to do if involved in a shooting while working together. Prior to the start of his PM shift, in which this incident took place, he slept for approximately seven to eight hours.

Deputy Longan said he was assigned to work with his regular partner, Deputy Sunagawa in 210N1 for the PM shift and he was wearing a Department Class B uniform with Sheriff markings and a Sam Brown gun belt. They drove a marked black and white Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor at the time of this shooting. They were a "No Call Car" in the area with the specific duty of trying to prevent more Black vs. Hispanic gang violence, which had risen sharply in the previous months. He said he was the book-man while Deputy Sunagawa drove during the shift. As they were driving south on Miramonte Blvd, he heard numerous gunshots being fired from what he believed were more than one weapon. Within seconds of hearing the gunfire, they had driven to the intersection of Miramonte Blvd. and 81st Street. Deputy Longan said they stopped their car and he saw Suspect shooting a pistol west on 81st Street from the northwest corner of the intersection. He said Suspect turned and looked at him then ran south across the intersection. Deputy Longan said he exited the radio car so as not to be trapped inside it should Suspect shot at him. He said Deputy Sunagawa also got out of the radio car and they both ran after Suspect He had run a matter of a few feet towards the middle of the intersection when he heard more gunfire from the same corner Suspect had been shooting. He turned and noticed a second suspect shooting a pistol west on 81st Street just as Suspect had been. Deputy Longan yelled to Deputy Sunagawa that there was a second shooter and at the same time he realized he was standing in the middle of the intersection with no cover. He said he ran to the nearest cover he could find which was a parked car on the north side of 81st Street. He said he realized the second shooter, Suspect Orozco, was directly on the other side of it and next to a tree however he did not have any other option and to the best of his knowledge, Suspect Orozco had not seen him yet. Deputy Longan said Suspect Orozco fired several more times as indicated by the muzzle flashes and report of the gunfire. Deputy Longan said he dove to the ground at the front fender of the car to utilize the motor block as cover. When he got up to see where Suspect Orozco was, he saw Suspect Orozco look at him then raise his pistol up and point it, two handedly, at him while taking aim to shoot him. Deputy Longan said he feared he was about to be shot and maybe killed so he fired five rapid shots at Suspect Orozco to stop his assault on him. Deputy Longan said he did not believe Orozco was able to get a shot off and then Orozco fell to the ground. Deputy Longan ran to the rear of the parked car as a tactical move before re acquiring a visual on Suspect Orozco. This was in the event Orozco may still be pointing his weapon where Deputy Longan had just been at the front of the car. Deputy Longan said he noticed Orozco was laying on the ground and Orozco's pistol was on the ground near him. He said Orozco appeared to be in pain so he asked Orozco if he had been shot. He said Orozco told him he was shot in the leg.

Deputy Longan said he stepped between Orozco and his gun to prevent Orozco from using it and he held Orozco at gunpoint and requested assistance via his hand held radio. He said assisting units arrived within seconds and paramedics arrived to treat Suspect Orozco for his injuries.

Deputy Longan said that when he saw the second shooter and yelled to warn his partner, he immediately focused his attention on the second shooter. He said Deputy Sunagawa continued to focus on Suspect He said his engagement with Suspect Orozco took a matter of seconds. As soon as Orozco was no longer an immediate threat and he was holding Orozco at gunpoint, he looked and saw Deputy Sunagawa holding Suspect at gunpoint on the southwest sidewalk of the intersection. He said he saw Deputy Sunagawa had also been in a gunfight at the same time but he could tell Deputy Sunagawa was not injured. He added that at no time did he lose sight of his partner during the shooting and they were always within a distance of the intersection from each other.

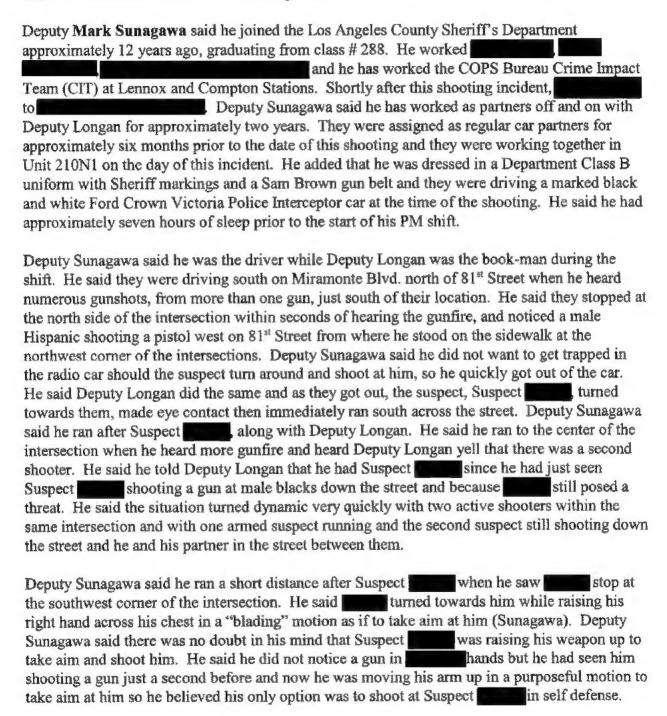
Deputy Longan said his background at the time of the shooting was a block wall with a metal fence in front of a residence. There was also a Palm tree by Suspect Orozco at the time of the shooting.

Deputy Longan said, based on the circumstances, he had no choice but to shoot at Suspect Orozco to prevent Orozco from shooting him, his partner or the male victims he originally was shooting at.

Deputy Longan, for points of reference and clarity, indicated his approximate positions and those of the suspect's, on a crime scene diagram, during his IAB interview. See attached diagram **[Exhibit A**].

IAB Interview of Deputy Sunagawa

The narrative which follows is intended only as a synopsis of the IAB interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Sunagawa's recorded interview and attached interview transcription.



Deputy Sunagawa said he shot five or six times in rapid fire at Suspect states, from a distance of approximately twenty feet away and while he was running towards Suspect IAB note: Based on the amount of casings found at the scene and compared to those remaining in Deputy Sunagawa's weapon, it was determined he fired a total of seven rounds. Deputy Sunagawa said Suspect did not shoot at him and immediately laid prone on the ground at the time Deputy Sunagawa was shooting at him. Deputy Sunagawa said he did not have a chance to give any verbal commands or talk on the radio because of how quick the sequence of events occurred. Deputy Sunagawa said he told Suspect to stay on the ground then he looked up and noticed his radio car rolling towards him and realized he had forgot to place it in park when he jumped out at the onset of this incident. He said he quickly jumped in the car and placed it in park while still pointing his gun at Suspect He said he stopped the car before it hit a block wall and got out while doing a tactical reload with a fresh magazine in his Beretta and dropping the old magazine on the street. He said during the time he was engaging Suspect he could hear Deputy Longan involved in a gunfight with the second suspect. He said as soon as Suspect was no longer an immediate threat and was held at gunpoint, he looked to see his partner, Deputy Longan was okay and saw him requesting assistance via the radio and advising that they had just been involved in a shooting. He added that assisting units arrived within seconds and took both suspects into custody. Deputy Sunagawa said his background at the time of the shooting was a house behind Suspect He did not know where his rounds went as they were not located and Suspect was not injured. Deputy Sunagawa, for points of reference and clarity, indicated his approximate positions and those of the suspect's, on a crime scene diagram, during his IAB interview. See attached diagram [Exhibit B]. Suspect Statements Both Suspects Orozco and were interviewed by Homicide detectives as part of the criminal case. denied having any involvement in, or knowledge of, the incident. He Suspect confirmed he was at the location at the time however, he did not say anything that would tell his involvement. He denied knowing who Suspect Orozco was.

IAB note:	Both Suspects Orozco and are documented members of the same gang, "Florencia 13". Deputy Longan and Deputy Sunagawa stated they saw both suspects where on the same street corner at the time each suspect was shooting westward on 81st Street. A Gunshot Residue test was performed on Suspect and returned with a positive finding.
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13" gang member an protection from his "found he was being s westbound and begat denied knowing who he dropped it on the Street and then a pol deputy told him to go buttocks and his right that the deputy may remember standing be he was shot while laindicates Deputy Los	d at the time of this incident, he was carrying a Glock 40 caliber pistol for fenemies." He stated he was walking by himself at the location when he shot at by somebody who was west of him on 81st Street. He pointed his gun in shooting. He heard additional shooting coming from behind him but that could have been. He said his gun jammed after he fired one shot and ground, then picked it up. He said he saw someone running south across 81st ice car drove up and a deputy got out and ran toward him. He said the et down on the ground and he complied. He said the deputy shot him in the at thigh while he was on the ground and then he was handcuffed. He added have shot him because he (Orozco) had a gun. He said that he did not behind a tree or pointing a gun at the deputy. Suspect Orozco's statement that lying on the ground is contrary to physical evidence found at the scene which mgan was standing in the street and on the opposite side of a parked car when zeo while Orozco was still standing.
IAB note:	Suspect Orozco's cell phone was inspected by Homicide investigators and his "contact" feature had the nickname "tell" listed as one of the contacts. Suspect gang name is "tell".
Suspect Orozco was Weapon on victims:	arrested and charged with numerous counts of Assault With a Deadly Deputy Longan, Deputy Sunagawa, Mr. and Mr.
Suspect Orozco has	no and and

Miscellaneous

- * Deputy Longan's Beretta 92FS was transported to the Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Identification Section for test firing and examination. Refer to Receipt #J831741 & Subsequent Inspection Report, dated January 20, 2007, in the Homicide Book attached as Volume 2 of 2.
- * Deputy Sunagawa's Beretta 92FS was transported to the Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Identification Section for test firing and examination. Refer to Receipt #J831741 & Subsequent Inspection Report, dated January 20, 2007, in the Homicide Book attached as Volume 2 of 2.
- * AFS records for the two recovered suspect weapons.